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Steinway Builds Limited Edition Piano for Roger Williams' Concert

Art-Deco Style Piano Features Lyrics to Williams' Hit "Autumn Leaves"

ATLANTA, GA. – Steinway has built a special limited edition piano for Roger Williams' October 1st Birthday Concert at the Carter Presidential Library and Museum. The *Roger Williams Limited Edition Gold Piano* is fashioned in a retro-art deco style. It features a high gloss, gold metallic finish. The lyrics to the first verse of Williams' hit *Autumn Leaves* wrap around the case, amid falling leaves.

The music desk is styled as sheet music with the signature notes of the song. The piano plate has a custom painted autumn landscape with brilliant colors and hues.

Steinway has limited this edition to eight pianos.

Roger Williams has played Steinway pianos for eight decades. He is the greatest selling pianist in history, with 118 albums to his credit, 18 of them gold or platinum. His 1955 version of "Autumn Leaves" is the only piano instrumental to reach #1 on the Billboard singles chart and remains the best selling piano recording of all time. Having played for eight chief executives, he has earned the title "Pianist to the Presidents."

This will be the first time Williams has performed for President Carter. Both President Carter and Williams will turn 80 on October 1st.

The 13 ½ hour concert will set a new personal performance record for Williams. The concert will be in the lobby of the Carter Presidential Library and Museum. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 11:00 p.m. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Editors Note: Image of the Piano is attached